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Sent: 1/16/2015 4:32:01 PM
To: Bruce Merchant [bmerchant@gmail.com]
CC: Hatton, Marc [HattonM@kalamazoo.org]; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) [BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov]
Subject: RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

All,

Here is the link (did I already send it?) for the allied landfill epa webpage.

<http://www.epa.gov/Region5/cleanup/alliedpaper/>

The recent data and the RI groundwater data tables and figures are down in the technical documents. I can move them up to the groundwater section too I guess. The first three documents are 2014 and the following ones are from the RI (but not included in the link the RI on the webpage).

Michael

From: Bruce Merchant [mailto:bmerchant@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 9:55 AM
To: Berkoff, Michael
Cc: Hatton, Marc; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ)
Subject: Re: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

Good Morning to all!

I tend to agree with Michael regarding a media availability session. I will defer to Jeff Chamberlain and Jerome Kisscorni, however.

I think approaching the media at this stage would be very helpful. All the major information is already public. There are no "smoking guns" for us to be concerned about plus it is a great way to show that we are all cooperating on a viable solution.

While I don't mind spending time with the media, it can get a bit tedious repeating information. A media availability session also helps ensure that a consistent message is being delivered.

Marc - if you could check with Jerome and Jeff about this, I'd appreciate it.

Paul - I'm fine with the smaller room at St. Joe City Hall.

Mahalo!

Bruce

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 15, 2015, at 11:40 AM, "Berkoff, Michael" <berkoff.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

I figure that the media is going to approach all parties after the meeting anyway. The benefits of scheduling something with them are that we can ensure greater clarity in our messaging and we will not be dragged away from talking with the public one-on-one after the meeting. I have found the latter to be frustrating during the availability sessions.

From: Hatton, Marc [<mailto:HattonM@kalamazoocity.org>]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 3:33 PM
To: Berkoff, Michael; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Bruce Merchant
Subject: RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

Can you send the link? Not sure on the media availability session. We have done a decent amount of media already and I am not sure if more is better or just more. I would like to hear Bruce's opinion on the matter and will ask Jerome and Jeff Chamberlain their thoughts.

Be well.

Marc

From: Berkoff, Michael [<mailto:berkoff.michael@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 4:28 PM
To: Hatton, Marc; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Bruce Merchant
Subject: RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

All,

The website is updated with the 2014 sampling data and figures and the RI data, figures and tables.

We can stop using my gmail address too.

Are we still planning on having a media availability session associated with the city meeting? I need to know if I need to reserve a couple days with Joan or Rick.

Michael

From: Hatton, Marc [<mailto:HattonM@kalamazoocity.org>]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 3:20 PM
To: Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Bruce Merchant
Cc: Berkoff, Michael; Michael Berkoff
Subject: RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

It should be fine.

From: Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) [<mailto:BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 3:28 PM
To: Bruce Merchant; Hatton, Marc
Cc: Berkoff, Michael; Michael Berkoff
Subject: RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

I was able to reserve a SMALL room at the City of St Joe as the Chambers are booked that day. This smaller room reportedly holds 6, but that should be fine for our needs. Let me know if you would rather try for the MDOT TSC in Coloma...

From: Bruce Merchant [<mailto:bemerchant@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 12:12 PM
To: Hatton, Marc
Cc: Berkoff, Michael; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Michael Berkoff
Subject: Re: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

Great! Let's plan on February 5th. If you could confirm the location, Paul, that would be much appreciated. (By the way, it's 60 degrees and sunny in Phoenix right now!)

Bruce

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 15, 2015, at 8:16 AM, "Hatton, Marc" <HattonM@kalamazoocity.org> wrote:

The 5th is fine for me as well.

Marc

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From: Bruce Merchant [<mailto:bmerchant@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 7:40 PM
To: Berkoff, Michael
Cc: Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Hatton, Marc; Michael Berkoff
Subject: Re: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

Let's do February 5. I haven't heard back from Marc so if the 5th doesn't work we'll do February 12. Paul- can you reserve the room at St. Joe City Hall?

Thanks.

Bruce

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 14, 2015, at 12:36 PM, "Berkoff, Michael" <berkoff.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

All,
I believe that all of the dates thrown out there work for me. So, let's book something.
Michael

From: Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) [<mailto:BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 2:42 PM
To: Bruce Merchant; Hatton, Marc; Berkoff, Michael; Michael Berkoff
Subject: RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

Thanks Bruce,

Regarding the dates for our next meeting. I can do 2/4, 2/5, 2/10 and 2/12. I need to avoid 2/11 if possible.

Also, the public dates look good except for 2/25, that one I can't do. I choose not to discuss the 3rd item today.

Best of luck with the race and have an awesome trip!!

Paul

From: Bruce Merchant [<mailto:bmerchant@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 11:41 AM
To: Hatton, Marc; Berkoff, Michael; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Michael Berkoff
Subject: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

Paul, Marc and Michael -

Thanks for the phone call last week Thursday. A good discussion (again) and, as always, the input and discussion are much appreciated.

Good article in the Kalamazoo Gazette on Sunday, January 11, 2015. Glad that Michael was able to provide comments as well. Here's a link (if needed):

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2015/01/allied_redevelopment.html

As is fairly normal, some of the quotes (from me, anyway) weren't exactly correct but that's to be expected.

As promised, I have prepared a couple of things plus have some dates for our next meeting.

First, the dates. I looked at the calendar and I have open the following dates: February 4 & 5 (Wednesday and Thursday) and February 10, 11, & 12 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). I'm actually open all that week but thought we'd want to keep the meeting in toward the middle of the week. Of course, the meeting would be weather-dependent. Let me know what works for everybody.

Second, I've attached two documents. The first is a proposed Timeline from the City's perspective. Marc and I are meeting this afternoon to discuss some of the public input process at the public meeting with the Kalamazoo City Planner. Right now, some dates for the public meeting are: February 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, or 26. The date should be nailed down fairly soon as well as a location. We have about 5 potential locations where we could meet. The second document is a list of outstanding issues that we may want to discuss at our early February meeting. Some of the issues aren't all the critical but we may want to flesh out the list and make sure we're tracking the issues appropriately so we don't miss anything.

Third, as Marc is aware, I'm beginning to phase out my formal involvement with the City and the Allied Superfund Site. My contract with the City ends in mid-May 2015. I will begin to transfer my responsibilities to others at the City (namely Marc) as I begin this transition over the next couple of months. I'm not disappearing from Kalamazoo or from informal involvement in the future. I'm still discussing how I can be available for any ongoing needs and will be available after May, on an as-needed basis. This is not meant as any type of negative reaction to the process either, believe me. I've been very fortunate to be involved in this great effort with some great people. It's just time for me to move on to other things.

I will be checking my emails once a day over the next couple of weeks. I may not respond immediately, but I'll try to do so within a couple of days.

Take care and stay warm!

Bruce

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